Manufacture of salt.

195. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the result of the experiments made by the Department of Industries to find out the best method of manufacturing salt in the local *alloms*?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The object of the experiments was to produce a better yield of salt of superior quality. Utilising the brine used in the surrounding pans and under similar conditions, the experimental manufacture has resulted in the production of salt of superior quality with a higher yield.

Working of the Government Press.

196. * MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, some 11 or 12 years before, a Committee of officials and non-officials was appointed by Government to look into and report about the working of the Government Press;

(*b*) what action was taken on the report submitted by the Committee;

(*c*) what are the scales of pay of the several posts in the Reading and Office Sections sanctioned in the proceedings on the report of the Committee:

(*d*) what the scales of the respective posts are now (1-3-111); and

(*e*) if the scales are considerably reduced, the reason for such reduction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. in 1923.

(*b*) Such of the recommendations and proposals of the Committee as were found practicable and necessary were accepted and brought into effect.

(*c*) and (*d*) A * statement containing the information is laid on the table.

(*e*) The reductions were made mainly to effect retrenchment and as a result of standardisation.

The Dental Surgeon, General Hospital.

197. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether there is any Dental Expert employed in the General Hospital;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name, qualification and salary of the said Expert; and

(*c*) the nature of the treatment given to the patients who go over there?

Vide Appendix IX.

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